Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know what is the delay due to? I may explain to this House the position of the private schools. It is not very satisfactory especially because of this report.

President.—The Hon'ble Member must confine himself to asking questions. No discussion is permitted.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The delay is because all the names have not been decided.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the committee be appointed soon?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government expect to do it soon.

Average charges in the Hindu Hostel.

521. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement, showing the average monthly amount charged per head in the Hindu Hostel (now known as the Cosmopolitan Hostel), Maharaja's College, Ernakulam, for 1104 and for 1107, on account of :—

(a) mess;

(b) room rent, lighting and water supply;

(c) establishment charges, including the pay of the managing staff, cooks, sweepers, and other servants?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—

	1104.	1107.
(a)	Rs. 7 12 1	Rs. 8 0 9
(b)	„ 2 11 7	„ 2 6 5
(c)	„ 1 8 4	„ 2 5 8

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know the strength of the hostel during these years, 1104 and 1107?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—This year it is 43.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I want to know whether there is a fall.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—There is a decided fall, over 50.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—The figures show an increase for 1107. How will the Government account for this increase in view of the fact that the prices have fallen?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The reduction in numbers involves an increase in cost. It is always the case. There is the cost of establishment which has gone up, and other overhead charges as well.

Caste-war statement of recruits in the Police Department.

522. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to place a caste-war statement on the table, of the persons taken in as recruits in the Police Department in Kumbham 1108?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—23 persons were provisionally selected and sent up for medical examination. Final appoint-

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